



Annual Meeting of the State Engineer, with the Water Users of the Weber River System, (exclusive of the Ogden River)
Fourth Floor, North Court Room, Ogden, Utah
January 13, 1959

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Pursuant to the Call of the State Engineer, Wayne D. Criddle, a meeting of the water users of the Weber River System (exclusive of the Ogden River) was held in the North Court Room, 4th Floor Municipal Building, Ogden, Utah on January 13, 1959. The meeting called to order at 1:00 o'clock p.m. by Wayne D. Criddle, State Engineer.

**CALL OF
MEETING**

The call of the meeting is as follows:

**TO THE WATER USERS OF
WEBER RIVER SYSTEM**

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Title 73, Chapter 5, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, a meeting of water users of the Weber River System will be held in the Courthouse in Ogden, Utah, Tuesday, January 13, 1959, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of: (1) Hearing the financial report for 1958; (2) Making recommendations to the State Engineer as to the appointment of a Water Commissioner for the 1959 season, and as to his duties; (3) Preparing a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses of distribution; and (4) Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Wayne D. Criddle
State Engineer

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The roll call showed attending the meeting and representing the following:

W. V. Shaw
Edward H. Southwick
William E. Cornia
Chas. L. Haslop

E. G. Thorum
Albert Anderson

Milton C. Christensen
Gregory L. Pearson
Sam B. Wilde
Glenn Gibbons

J. Parley Brown
Ralph A. Richards

A. Jay Marchant
Leon Wilde
A. J. Robson
James N. Randall

Deputy Water Commissioner, Morgan, Utah
Weber River Commissioner
Deputy Water Commissioner, Uinta, Utah
Weber River Water Users Association and
Weber River Water Rights Committee
Utah Power and Light Company
Weber River Water Users Association,
Hooper Irrigation Company
Soil Conservation Service
Soil Conservation Service
Coalville, Utah
Smith Moorehouse Reservoir and the
Weber River Water Rights Committee
Hoytsville Irrigation Company
Summit County Water Users and the Weber
River Water Rights Committee
Deputy Water Commissioner, Oakley, Utah
Summit County Water Users
Blain City, Utah
Western Irrigation Company

M. F. Barrett
H. C. Rheas
R. Keith Higginson
D. F. Hodson
Frank Reese
Irma Pieper
Donald Norseth
Wayne D. Criddle
D. Earl Harris

Virgie W. McGahan

North Ogden Irrigation Company
North Ogden Irrigation Company
State Engineer's Office

Chief Accountant, State Engineer's Office
Office of the State Engineer
Office of the State Engineer
State Engineer
Weber River Water Rights Committee and
Weber River Water Users Association
Secretary-Treas, Weber River Water Rights
Committee

Wayne D. Criddle stated that this being his first meeting with the water Users of the Weber River, he was happy to be here and introduced the members of his staff as follows: Irma Pieper, accountant, Donald C. Norseth, in charge of the water distribution program throughout the State; Frank Reese, chief accountant; Keith Higginson, head of the appropriation section in the office of the State Engineer and Gregory L. Pearson, who is responsible for the snow survey program throughout the State. Mr. Criddle stated that he would now turn the time to D. Earl Harris, spokesman for the Water Users of the Weber River. D. Earl Harris stated that the Weber River Water Rights Committee had met in the morning of January 13, 1959 and among other matters of importance, the Articles of Incorporation of the Weber River Water Rights Committee was changed, setting up two new Districts namely, District #7 allowing two representatives to the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District and District #8 allowing one representative to the Utah Power and Light Company, the membership of the Committee representing the Weber River Water Rights Committee is increased from 9 to 12 members. The Weber River Water Rights Committee represents over 90% of all water users of the Weber River System. Mr. Harris expressed appreciation to the State Engineer from all the water users of the Weber River System for the excellent work being done by the Office of the State Engineer in the distribution of water and the friendly support extended to the water users this past year.

APPOINTMENT D. Earl Harris stated a Secretary should be appointed for this meeting
OF
Secretary whereupon Ralph Richards moved that Virgie McGahan be Secretary. Chas.

L. Haslop seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously.

**MINUTES
APPROVED**

The minutes of the State Engineer's Meeting held January 14, 1958 were read for approval. After discussion, E. G. Thorum moved the minutes be approved as read. Chas. L. Haslop seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
OF STATE
ENGINEER**

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the period of January 1, 1958 through December 31, 1958 was read by Frank Reese.

Mr. Reese stated that Court Action is being taken in relation to delinquent assessments totaling approximately \$140.00 as authorized by the Water Users in their last annual meeting. Four items of the budget has been exceeded as follows: Office Expense \$64.82, Travel \$2.08, New Equipment and Repairs \$25.46 and Bonds and Insurance \$.04; all totaling \$92.40. However, the Executive Committee of the Weber River Water Rights Committee has authorized the payment of these amounts. After further discussion, John A. Compton moved the Statement be approved and ordered filed. Ralph Richards seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF WATER
COMMISSIONER**

D. Earl Harris requested Edward H. Southwick to give his report in relation to water distribution, whereupon Mr. Southwick stated that all water had been distributed this past year in accordance with the Weber River Decree, the snow surveys show that the supply of water for the coming irrigation season to be below normal and that the water users should give consideration to a change in the levying of the assessment of the Weber River System. He expressed his appreciation to the water users of the Weber River System, the State Engineer and his assistants and for the help of the deputy commissioners during the past season.

**SNOW
SURVEY**

Gregory Pearson stated that the snow surveys have been made of the water sheds as of January 1, 1959 and from all indications the supply of water for the coming season will be far below normal unless there is an abundance of storm during the remainder of the year. After further discussion, John Compton moved that the Water Commissioner's Report as well as the Snow Survey Report be approved. Glenn Gibbons seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously.

PROPOSED BUDGET The following Proposed Budget for the year January 1, 1959 to January 1, 1960, for Water Distribution Expenses for the Weber River System (exclusive of Ogden River) was presented:

**PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENSE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION OF THE WEBER RIVER SYSTEM
(EXCLUSIVE OF THE OGDEN RIVER)
FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 1959 to JANUARY 1, 1960**

1. Commissioner's Salary 12 months at \$600. per month - to begin January 1, 1959 to end December 31, 1959		\$ 7,200.00
2. Commissioners Expense:		
a. Automobile hire - 18,000 miles @ 8¢ per mile	\$1,440.00	
b. Subsistence	n 130.00	
c. Office expense-telephone etc.	<u>450.00</u>	2,020.00
3. Deputy Commissioner at Oakley - Salary 3 months at \$340. per month - May 1 to Sept. 30, 1959	1,700.00	
Auto hire - 6,000 miles @ 8¢ per mile	<u>480.00</u>	2,180.00
4. Deputy Commissioner at Morgan - Salary 3 months at \$340. per month - May 1 to Sept. 30, 1959	1,700.00	
Auto hire - 6,000 miles at 8¢ per mile	<u>480.00</u>	2,180.00
5. Deputy Commissioner at Uintah - Salary 5 months at \$180.00 per month May 1 to Sept. 30, 1959		900.00
6. Annual Report for 1958		350.00
7. Bonds and Insurance for Commissioner and Deputies		75.00
8. New Equipment and Repairs to old		450.00
9. Miscellaneous Expense		75.00
10. Commissioners attendance at NRA Convention		150.00
11. Social Security for Commissioners and Deputies		227.50
12. Gaging Station Operation		900.00
13. Weber River Water Rights Committee		<u>300.00</u>
Total Budget		\$ 17,007.50

After discussion, Ralph Richards moved that the Proposed Budget be approved as presented in the total amount of \$17,007.50 and that an assessment for this amount be levied upon all the water rights of the Weber River System and that Edward H. Southwick as Commissioner, W. V. Shaw, Deputy Commissioner, Jay Marchant, Deputy Commissioner and William E. Cornia, Deputy Commissioner be appointed for the year 1959 at the salaries and expenses as shown in the budget and that the same be so recommended to the State Engineer. J. Albert Anderson seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously. The State Engineer then accepted the recommendations as stated.

**BASIS OF
LEVYING
ASSESSMENT**

Wayne D. Criddle stated that the Water users of the Weber River should approve of the method of levying the assessment for the coming year.

E. G. Thorum asked if the two new power plants, namely Gateway and Wanship would be assessed this year. Edward H. Southwick stated that these two power plants will be assessed on the same general basis as the other power plants. Also that the Weber Basin Conservancy District will be assessed this year and that they have paid assessments the past two years. Mr. Southwick stated that the method of levying the assessment in the past is somewhat complicated as well as obsolete in some respects and he felt a more fair and equitable basis for the levying of future assessments could be worked out. After further discussion of the basis of levying assessment, Glenn Gibbons moved that the State Engineer be instructed to levy an assessment upon all the water rights of the Weber River System upon the same general basis as last year in the total amount of \$17,007.50 and that the Water Commissioner and the Executive Committee of the Weber River Water Rights Committee be instructed to conduct a study for the levying of future assessments. Chas. L. Haslop seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously.

**GAGING
STATIONS**

Wayne D. Criddle stated that the Office of the State Engineer is continually receiving requests to install new gaging stations and that an effort is being made to eliminate the expense by the State Engineer's Office of all gaging stations that are used primarily for distribution purposes and are not absolutely necessary for water resource investigations and that this will have an effect on two stations on the Provo Diversion Canal. one at the Weber end and one at the Provo end. The water users at this time should consider the possibility of taking over the management of these two stations by the end of 1960 and so include such expenses of operation in the budget.

**COLLECTION OF
DELINQUENT
ASSESSMENTS**

Donald C. Norneth stated that he requests all the water users to make payment of their assessments on or before May 1st of each year and that there will be no water delivered to any water users who is delinquent in paying his 1958 assessment. After further discussion in relation to delinquent assessment, Glenn Gibbons moved that the State Engineer be instructed to use the full authority

of his office to collect all assessments levied upon the water users of the Weber River.

John A. Compton seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously.

**PROPOSED
LEGISLATION**

A. J. Robson stated that at the meeting of the Weber River Water Rights Committee a discussion was had in relation to certain Bills being introduced into the Legislature, one concerning Flood Control and one in which the State Engineer be given authority to hire all water commissioners through his office. Mr. Criddle stated that he knew of a Bill introduced in relation to enlarging powers of the County Commissioners to improve channels to dispose of flood water, but he knew of no bill in relation to the State Engineer being given authority to hire water commissioners. M. H. Barrett stated that he felt the problems relating to water and the disposition thereof should be left in the hands of the water users and not be given to a few. After further discussion, A. J. Robson moved that the Executive Committee of the Weber River Water Rights Committee be appointed to investigate and study each Bill introduced in the Legislature in relation to water and to protect to the fullest extent the rights of all water users. Chas. L. Haslop seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously.

**REPRESENTATION
TO STATE ENGINEER**

Chas. L. Haslop moved that the Executive Committee of the Weber River Water Rights Committee, consisting of D. Earl Harris, John A. Compton and Glenn Gibbons shall act for and in behalf of all the water users of the Weber River System for the year 1959 in matters pertaining to water distribution and to confer with the State Engineer in all matters as the occasion shall require and with full authority to act. Seconded by J. Albert Anderson and upon vote carried unanimously. f

D. Earl Harris then turned the meeting back to the State Engineer.

**EXPRESSION TO
WATER USERS AND
COMMISSIONERS**

Wayne D. Criddle congratulated the water users of the Weber River for their thoroughness in handling the problems and affairs of water distribution of the Weber River. Also that they were to be congratulated in their choice of a Water Commissioner. He felt Mr. Southwick was one of the best Water Commissioners in the State and he was proud to work with him.

Mr. Criddle asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. There being none upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

Virgie W. Mc Gahan
Secretary